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Dujardin feeling the love

Man accused of bestiality

The maximum penalty for bestiality in B.C. is 10 years in jail

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A 38-year-old Vancouver man has been ordered to stand trial for bestiality.

Brian Anthony Cutteridge will be in B.C. Supreme Court on March 14 to set a trial date. The allegations against him have not been proved and he is presumed innocent.

Marcie Moriarty, head of the B.C. SPCA's cruelty-investigations department, says the association began investigating Cutteridge in 2010 after being tipped off that he was allegedly engaging in sexual activities with his dog.

There were reports Sunday that a veterinarian alerted the animal-welfare agency because of an infection one dog had, but Moriarty would not confirm or deny this information.

"This is the first time we've recommended charges of this nature (in the last seven years)," Moriarty said.

"Unfortunately, the actual act is not as uncommon as we'd like to think, but uncovering evidence and having a case go before a court and having charges accepted is more rare."

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▶ A Facebook picture of Brian Anthony Cutteridge and one of his dogs in Vancouver.

The SPCA seized three of Cutteridge's dogs and put them in new homes.

A paper credited to Brian Anthony Cutteridge called For the Love of Dog: On the Legal Prohibition of Zoophilia in Canada and the United States argues that the laws that condemn zoophilia — sexual activity between humans and animals — are "logically incoherent" and "inherently unjust."

"Laws which criminalize zoophilia based on societal abhorrence of such acts rather than any real harm caused by such acts are an unjust and constitutional infringement on individual liberty," the author wrote.

Moriarty says bestiality is a crime that often goes unnoticed and is not often prosecuted in B.C. because "it takes place behind closed doors."

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Week of action ahead for teachers

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With a legislated contract looming over them, teachers are expected to decide on their next step this week.

B.C. Teachers' Federation (BCTF) president Susan Lambert said its members will vote Tuesday and Wednesday on "the widest variety of options" after education minister George Abbott announced last week his office is drafting legislation to end the year-long teacher's dispute.

The result of the votes will be released Thursday morning.

"It will be up to our members," said Lambert, who last week wouldn't rule out the possibility of strike action. "It's a very important week. We find ourselves at a critical part of the bargaining process."

Instead of having a contract imposed on them, the BCTF is hoping a mediator can be called in to salvage talks.

Teachers have planned a day of action for Monday. They'll only show up to work from "bell to bell," hold union meetings during the lunch hour and congregate in many communities to demonstrate after school.

The day of action had been planned before Abbott said the government would seek a legislated solution to the dispute, but Lambert said the tone will now be significantly different.

Any legislated contract will only aggravate teachers more, she said.

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▶ BCTF president Susan Lambert

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▶ Pig on the Street's Krissy Seymour prepares for the street-food taste test held at VCC from her newly retrofitted van.

Judgment day looms for street vendors

▶ 25 vendors contended for 12 city permits in food-tasting competition
▶ Vancouver's street-food scene catching up to that of many other cities

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They came, they served, they wait.

Twenty-five hopefuls arrived at Vancouver Community College on Friday with one goal in mind: seduce a panel of judges with succulent tastes and thus earn one of 12 precious permits to be among the downtown core's newest street-food vendors.

"There are so many great vendors, there's so much competition," said Krissy Seymour of Pig on the Street. "It's going to be a tough decision for the judges. We all basically have a 50 per cent chance. The winners will have an amazingly positive impact on the city."

Seymour serves bacon butties out of her van.

The pork sandwiches are commonplace in her homeland of England — "basically our version of the hotdog" — but desperately lacking in Seymour's adopted home of Vancouver, so she decided to fill that void herself.

The judges that sampled all 25 vendors' creations on Friday included nutritionists, chefs, food critics, a city councillor and VCC's head of culinary arts.

For a city that really only offered hotdogs as street food a couple of years ago, Seymour says Vancouver has come a long way.

"Vancouver is such a food-savvy city," she said. "People may not always have time to sit down for a lunch, but they still expect a great culinary experience every day.

"So much has changed in the last couple of years, there's so much diversity now."

The 12 winners of street-vendor permits will be announced next month.

Chlorine 'incident' sends 70 to hospital

Children in bathing suits shivered in a local ice arena after a "chlorine incident" forced them to flee an adjacent swimming pool and sent 70 people to hospital, the majority of them youth.

Authorities said the children were at the Cariboo Memorial Recreation Complex, which houses a pool and a hockey arena, for a swim meet when everyone was ordered out.

"People just said, 'You've got to get out,'" said Abbi Taylor, a 17-year-old swim coach who was there.

She said the kids, who were mostly under the age of 12, were in the pool at the time, warming up for the meet.

A hockey game was also going on in the complex.

Taylor said a "wall of people" began running towards the door after the alert was given. The children were ushered to the ice arena before the whole building was evacuated and ambulances started arriving.

"It was pretty scary seeing like eight-year-olds, with oxygen masks on and stuff," Taylor said. "It was scary."

Allison Ruault, health-services administrator at Cariboo Memorial Hospital, said the majority of the 70 have now been treated and released.

The patients included 41 children, 23 adults and six people of an unknown age.

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Proposed lifeguard cuts under fire

Part of a package aimed at saving parks board $2.4M this year NPA commissioners cry interference

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A plan to reduce the number of lifeguards at some Vancouver beaches is generating vehement opposition from two NPA park commissioners.

The budget initiative would consolidate lifeguards at Vancouver's most popular beaches: English Bay, Kits Beach, Locarno, Spanish Banks and Third Beach.

"They are proposing that we reduce lifeguarding in Vancouver's beaches by about a factor of 50 per cent this summer," said John Coupar, a parks board commissioner and NPA member.

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▶ English Bay lifeguards could soon be in the jaws of budget cutters.

Coupar and fellow NPA commissioner Melissa DeGenova blame undue influence from city council on parks board affairs.

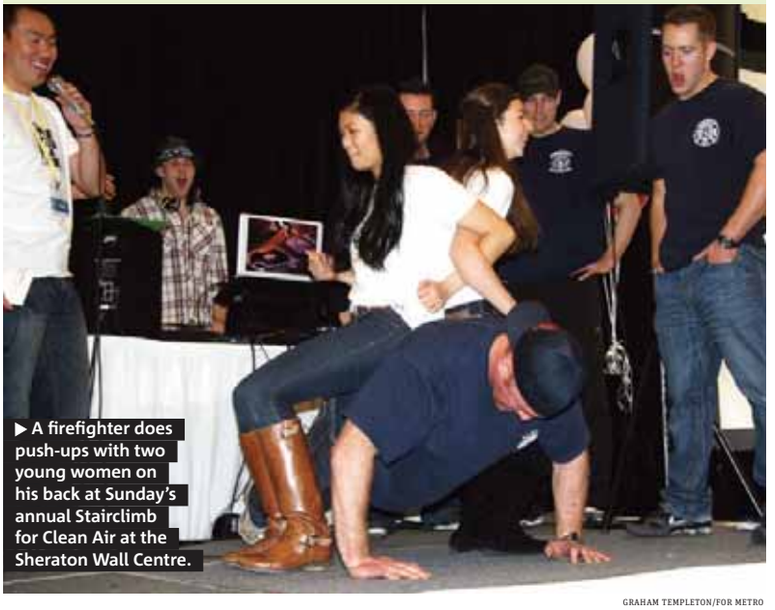
"In my opinion," Coupar said, "(the Vision commissioners) are not advocating strongly enough for the parks budget. There's a big public-safety issue at stake here."

The parks operating budget has been cut by $5.3 million since 2009 but was cut only $1.2 million in the eight years before that, Coupar said.

Constance Barnes, the parks chair and a Vision member, told CBC News that safety is the board's top priority.

"There is concern there," she said, "but we also need to look at efficiencies and where our lifeguards are."

The cuts would eliminate the equivalent of 4.3 full-time lifeguard positions. A vote on the issue is slated for Monday.



▶ A firefighter does push-ups with two young women on his back at Sunday's annual Stairclimb for Clean Air at the Sheraton Wall Centre.

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Hundreds take the stairs for clean air

About 500 participants, including firefighters in full gear, climbed 48 storeys and raised about $250,000 in the 11th-annual event to raise money for research into lung diseases.

Park board to discuss ways of honouring activist Jim Green

A motion going before the Vancouver park board on Monday aims to create an outdoor space to recognize Jim Green's contributions to the city.

Green, a former Vancouver councillor and longtime housing activist, is battling lung cancer for a second time.

The motion, put forward by park commissioner Sarah Blyth, calls for staff to work with Green and his family "to develop an outdoor space that recognizes and tells the story of Jim's tremendous contribution to the city."

Coun. Geoff Meggs, a friend of Green's, said the motion is a wonderful idea. "It's very consistent with his commitment to public spaces and public engagement, so I was very pleased to see them talk about reaching out to the public to get suggestions on where it could be," he said.

Green's biggest contribution, he added, has been to engage more people in civic life "by bringing neighbourhoods into the mainstream the way he has with the Downtown Eastside and the Woodward's project."

On Sunday, the City of Vancouver awarded Green its highest honour, the Freedom of the City.

"Jim Green has made a profound impact on the City of Vancouver and he continues to be a passionate advocate for social justice, democracy, the arts and the shaping of an inclusive city for all residents," Mayor Gregor Robertson said in a statement.

Green, a one-term councillor and mayoral candidate, led the charge in the redevelopment of the Woodward's site, founded Four Corners Community Savings and co-founded the Portland Hotel Society.

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Derailment claims 3 Via workers

Engineers killed while riding in cab of locomotive 32 were injured

Terrified passengers were sent flying through the air along with their luggage when a Toronto-bound train derailed Sunday, killing three engineers and injuring 32 passengers — three of them seriously.

A slight "bump" followed by utter chaos was how one passenger described the harrowing crash of train No. 92.

The time between the train leaving the tracks and it slamming to the ground was only about 10 seconds, but it felt like "forever," said Deanna Villella of Welland, Ont.

"The train just flipped on its side and it just kept going. I didn't know what was happening," Villella said.

"Everybody's stuff was flying by and people were flying by. Everything was crashing and people were screaming."

The six-car train, which had originated in Niagara Falls, Ont., derailed at 3:30 p.m. in Burlington — about 100 metres from where a freight train derailed some four years ago.

Area residents described a chaotic scene of emergency vehicles, sirens blaring and helicopters buzzing overhead one of Canada's busiest rail corridors.

The locomotive and one passenger car flipped onto their sides and crashed into a small trackside building.

Another passenger car was leaning precariously, making for a frantic rescue operation. There was concern that diesel fuel would leak from the locomotive, but that didn't occur.

Three remaining cars were upright and vacant.

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▶ Emergency crews help extract Via employees from the locomotive out of a train wreck in Burlington on Sunday. Inset: an aerial view of the train derailment.

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False robocalls made in 34 ridings, Martin claims

The robocall controversy appears to be broadening, with opposition parties claiming the number of ridings affected by voter-suppression calls in the last federal election is greater than first thought.

New Democrat MP Pat Martin says he is aware of at least 34 ridings that received automated phone calls, although his party lists only 29.

Meanwhile, Liberal Leader Bob Rae said his party is aware of 27 ridings, but he expects the number to rise by Monday, when the House of Commons resumes.

The opposition are accusing the Harper Conservatives of orchestrating a campaign of dirty tricks in the May 2 election, but the Conservatives have denied the charges.

Elections Canada and police are currently believed to be looking into reports that automated calls in as many as 18 ridings falsely advised voters that the location of their polling stations had changed. Martin says he is firm on his number.

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Fat cat gains celebrity status

Losing weight is hard enough, but try doing it with the world watching and when you'd rather be dreaming of mice.

Tiny, a very large and lovable grey house cat, has become an international celebrity since he was left in a box outside the Fredericton SPCA on Dec. 30. When Tiny was dropped off, he weighed 13.7 kilograms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Canada calls off Afghan meetings

Canada has suspended all meetings in Afghan ministries after the slaying of two U.S. military advisers. Foreign Affairs spokesman Yohan Rodericks said the move was taken as a security precaution. He said all Canadian staff are safe and accounted for. It isn't known how long the meetings will be on hold, Rodericks said.

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Recall

- **NATO and Britain recalled** their advisers from Afghan ministries late Saturday after two U.S. advisers were killed.
- **The pair were shot in the** back of the head.
- **Afghan authorities said** Sunday that they have identified a suspect and launched a manhunt.

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Chain. Reaction

▶ Russians stand united during an opposition protest along Moscow's Garden Ring on Sunday.

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Let's have a hand for reform

Thousands of people joined hands to form a 16-kilometre human chain around central Moscow in the latest protest against Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. Activists estimated that they needed 34,000 people to complete the chain along the Garden Ring, and they appeared to have succeeded, or come close.

Death toll climbs in Qur'an riots

Afghan ministers call off trip to Washington Leaders meeting on how to stop violence

Demonstrators hurled grenades at a U.S. base in northern Afghanistan, and a gun battle left two Afghans dead and seven NATO troops injured on Sunday in the escalating crisis over the burning of Muslim holy books at a U.S. airfield.

More than 30 people have been killed, including four U.S. troops, in six days of unrest. Still, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan said the violence would not change Washington's course.

"This is not the time to decide that we're done here," Ryan Crocker said. "We have got to redouble our efforts. We've got to create a situation in which al-Qaida is not coming back."

Not enough

- **President Barack Obama** and other U.S. officials have apologized for the Qur'an burnings, but this has not quelled the anger of Afghans, who say it shows disrespect for their culture and religion.

The attack on the base came a day after two U.S. military advisers were killed at the Interior Ministry in Kabul. The Taliban say the shooter was one of their sympathizers and that an accomplice helped him get into the compound to kill the Americans in retaliation for the Qur'an burnings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Remember Taxman, that song by the late ex-Beatle George Harrison?

Set to a hard-driving beat, it's catchy in a creepy kind of way:

"If you drive a car, I'll tax the street/
If you try to sit, I'll tax your seat/
If you get too cold, I'll tax the heat/
If you take a walk, I'll tax your feet/
'Cause I'm the Taxman, and you're working for no one but me"

You should look up the entire song, because it sounds like the inspiration for the people who are charged with paying for Translink, the outfit governing transit and major roads in Metro Vancouver.

It's hard to think anything else after a report was leaked to the media late last week, outlining almost two dozen ideas for extracting more cash from your pocket.

The so-called "joint technical committee," made up of members of various levels of government, must belt that song out at the beginning of every meeting to come up with so many ways to impoverish the punters:

- Tolls that apply to bridges, tunnels, ways in and out of town
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"Now my advice for those who die/ Declare the pennies on your eyes"
GEORGE HARRISON'S TAXMAN

I'm surprised they didn't come up with a way to tax people who have to get around in wheelchairs. Maybe that's for the next report. With any luck, they won't follow Taxman's final stanza:

"Now my advice for those who die/
Declare the pennies on your eyes"

Remember, this is just for Translink. Never mind health care, education, etc. They probably sing the song over there, too. You can hardly blame the taxman — he's just trying to pay for all the bright, shiny promises made by politicians to keep their jobs, but does he have to have so much fun? I mean, this is a real spree.

Meanwhile, the auto industry spent an estimated $24 billion on North American advertising in 2011, expecting to sell another 13-14 million cars, an increase of 10 per cent over 2010. So at one end we've got an unrestrained movement to put more cars on the road, and on the other, an unrestrained movement to take them off the road. Don't these people ever talk to each other? Or do they just stick their fingers in their ears and sing louder to drown out whatever they don't like to hear?

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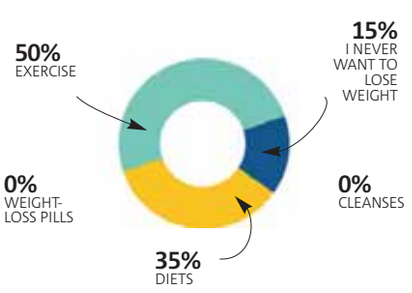

Local tweets

- **@jordan-clarke_:** looking forward to Steve Ott nailing Kari Lehtonen with a steal chair then ripping off his #Stars jersey to reveal a #Canucks sweater.
- **@Erica_Sigurdson:** When city bus drivers announce things as though they're tour guides, I feel like that means they are close to pulling into oncoming traffic
- **@MetroVanFD2:** Wow! Heavy Snow falling in Port Coquitlam, even the lower elevations are seeing lots of snow, use caution while driving, it's sticking.
- **@sportsnetmurph:** Schneider + Hodgson RT @diesel_3: What would it take to nab Jack the Chimp from MVP: Most Valuable Primate? He skates through players legs!
- **@UBCIC:** BC AFN Regional Chief Wilson-Raybould is attending the John T. Williams Pole raising in Seattle today. #bcpoli #indigenous
- **@JoannieRochette:** It's already been two years since my long program at the Vancouver Olympics. That medal changed my life, thank you all for your support!

Daily Zoom

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New egg of ancient chikiladae

New amphibian family found

NEW DELHI. An intrepid team of biologists led by University of Delhi professor Sathyabhama Das Biju has identified an entirely new family of amphibians — called chikilidae — endemic to the region since before the age of dinosaurs but with ancient links to Africa. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

2,600 Biju's team worked during monsoon season, when the digging is easier and chikilidae lay eggs in waterlogged soils. Researchers, along with locals they hired, spent about 2,600 hours digging for the elusive squigglers, usually found about 40-centimetres deep.

"It's like a rocket. If you miss it the first try, you'll never catch it again."
PROFESSOR BIJU DESCRIBES HOW CHIKILADAE GROW TO ABOUT 10 CENTIMETRES, AND CAN RAM THEIR HARD SKULLS THROUGH SOME OF THE REGION'S TOUGHER SOILS, SHOOTING OFF QUICKLY AT THE SLIGHTEST VIBRATION.

Prehistoric link

- The chikilidae is a caecilian, the most primitive of three amphibian groups that also include frogs and salamanders.
- Their discovery gives new evidence in the study of prehistoric species migration, as well as evolutionary paths influenced by continental shift.

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Canada to lead mining on moon?

Moon has compounds not readily available on Earth Lunar drilling may start by end of the decade

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▶ A prototype of a lunar rover by Neptec Design Group of Ottawa.

Canada could play a key role in a new international space race, with the next sprint to the moon gearing up as an extra-terrestrial gold rush.

Industry insiders will be watching closely this week as the heads of the world's five biggest space agencies get together in Quebec City, where the partners on the International Space Station will discuss more than the future of the orbiting lab.

They will address an idea gaining currency in business and scientific circles: that within human reach lies an unfathomable wealth of resources, some of them common on Earth and others that could change the way we live.

Canada could figure prominently in any discussion about lunar exploration, with nearly one-quarter of the world's top mining companies and robotics like the famous Canadarm.

Several countries, including China, have expressed a desire to start mining the moon's resources. The mining industry is now waiting for the Canadian Space Agency to make its intentions known, while the agency awaits direction from the federal government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BP oil-spill trial delayed

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In. Print

▶ News Corp. chairman and CEO Rupert Murdoch holds the first edition of The Sun on Sunday as it comes off the presses in Broxbourne, England.

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New paper for Murdoch

Rupert Murdoch's newest newspaper launched Sunday with a familiar mix of celebrity news, scantily clad women and defiant language. The Sun's Sunday edition hit stands two weeks after five employees were arrested for alleged payment of bribes. The tabloid replaces The News of the World.

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Hugo, The Artist get love from Oscar

The Artist goes home with best-picture and best-actor trophies
Christopher Plummer wins his first Oscar at 82 and Meryl Streep adds another statue to her shelf

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In the major categories, the Academy Awards belonged to The Artist, which pulled in five wins, including best actor, director and picture, but it wasn't a spotless victory for the silent film.

While many had expected The Artist to sweep this year's Oscars, those hopes were dashed early on as another love letter to film history, Martin Scorsese's Hugo, also brought in five trophies, including awards for visual effects, art direction and cinematography. The lack of an Artist sweep was an invigorating boost after a lacklustre start by host Billy Crystal.

Some odds-on favourites to win took home statues, including Iran's A Separation for best foreign-language film, Octavia Spencer for best supporting actress for her role in The Help and Christopher Plummer for best supporting actor in Beginners. But the early part of the evening offered plenty of surprises, including a best editing win for The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo. In the heated best-actress race between Meryl Streep for The Iron Lady and Viola Davis for The Help, Streep's portrayal of Margaret Thatcher won the day.

"When they called my name, I had this feeling I could hear half of America going, 'Oh no,'" Streep joked.

Crystal kicked things off with his traditional montage digitally inserting himself into nominated films. He followed that up with a song-and-dance number summarizing the best picture nominees that felt in many ways out of touch.

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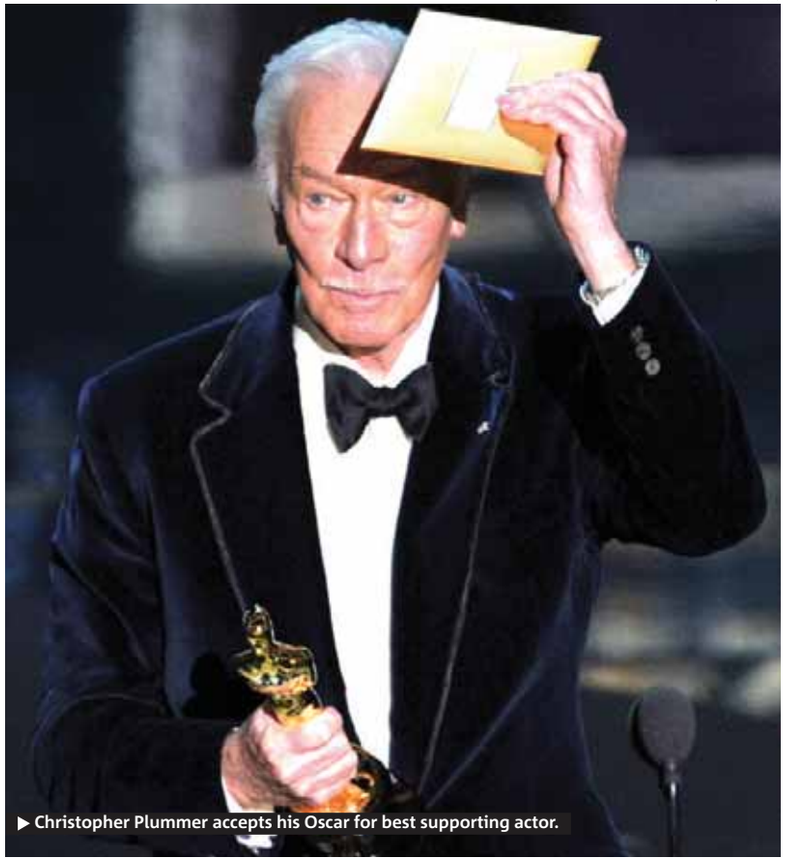
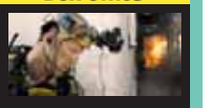


▶ Christopher Plummer accepts his Oscar for best supporting actor.

Box office



On Oscar weekend, the real-life action stars of Act of Valor bested Hollywood's pretend heroes. The action flick, starring real active-duty U.S. Navy SEALs, topped the weekend box office, earning $24.7 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Lionsgate's Tyler Perry's Good Deeds, a more dramatic offering for the consistently popular Perry, opened with a healthy $16 million. Its audience was resoundingly female (76 per cent) and may have been slightly diminished by the appeal of Denzel Washington in the thriller Safe House. That earned $11.4 million, bringing its cumulative total to $98.1 million. The weekend's other new releases — the thriller Gone and the comedy Wanderlust — had weaker debuts. Wanderlust took $6.6 million. Gone took in $5 million.

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For more Oscar coverage, and a complete list of winners, scan this code or visit metronews.ca/oscars

Plummer becomes oldest Oscar winner

At the age of 82, stage and screen legend Christopher Plummer finally has an Academy Award. Plummer won the best-supporting-actor prize on Sunday for his turn as a widower who embraces his homosexuality in Beginners.

The prize makes the actor the oldest Oscar winner, a distinction previously held by Jessica Tandy for 1989's Driving Miss Daisy.

The Toronto-born actor took issue with that distinction backstage. "I don't buy that for a second," Plummer said.

"Wasn't Charlie Chaplin older than me when he got his honorary Oscar? An honorary Oscar is still an Oscar, after all."

Plummer has already won a Golden Globe, a Screen Actors Guild Award, a British Academy Film Award and a Spirit Award for Beginners.

His only other Oscar nomination came two years ago for the Tolstoy tale The Last Station.

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▶ Octavia Spencer accepts the Oscar for best supporting actress.

One plum weekend for Christopher

It was an award-filled weekend for Christopher Plummer. Not only did the Canadian actor win the Academy Award for best supporting actor for his role in Beginners, ACTRA Toronto on Saturday named him best actor for his rakish turn in Barrymore, a film version of the stage production that earned the veteran thespian a Tony some 15 years ago. ACTRA Toronto is the regional arm of Canada's performers' union, also known as the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists.

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Red carpet Stars

It takes a lot of glamour to stand out on the red carpet at the Oscars Or dressing like a dictator...

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▶ Sacha Baron Cohen arrives on the red carpet his character General Aladeen.

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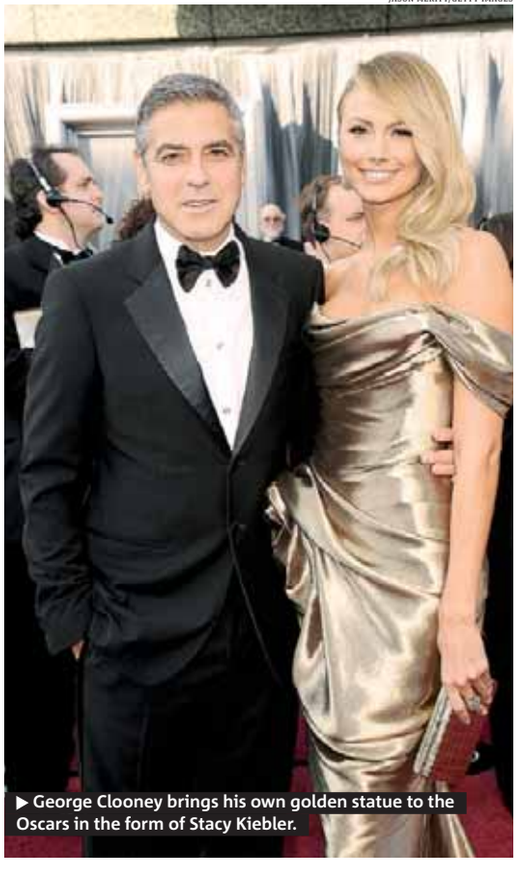

▶ George Clooney brings his own golden statue to the Oscars in the form of Stacy Kiebler.

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▶ Michelle Williams looks whimsical in Louis Vuitton.

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▶ Kristen Wiig moves from Saturday Night Live to Oscar red carpet with ease.

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▶ Every red carpet needs the Pitt-Jolies.

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▶ After dressing as a man for Albert Nobbs, Glenn Close channels her feminine side.

▶ Octavia Spencer stuns in Tadashi Shoji.

Oscar tweets

@magicandrew:
Oscars + @justinbieber = I think a server just melted somewhere inside of Twitter.

@AngryBlackLady:
Clooney and Crystal kissed. Santorum just had an aneurysm.

@mariosundar:
I love you @BillyCrystal but your song-and-dance monologue seemed so archaic. Even Clooney seemed thoroughly confused!

@RajeevMasand:
Sandra Bullock announces Best Foreign Lang Film nominee — will be so happy to see Iran's A Separation win. So deserving.

Up and down

Metro Canada offers up its take on the best and the worst of this year's Oscar broadcast

Billy Crystal

The nine-time Oscar host did what he did best, spoofing the best picture nominees, with a little help from George Clooney, Justin Bieber and Tom Cruise. It was like an old, slightly campy, great uncle stopping in for a visit and pulling a quarter from behind your ear.

Funny focus group

The Wizard of Oz focus group, featuring some of the cast of Best In Show and Waiting for Guffman, proved the Oscars can be funny, with their analysis of the classic film: more flying monkeys, less Dorothy.

Meryl Streep

We love Meryl, but after 17 nominations you think she would know what to wear to the Oscars. Her dress looked like it was rescued from the Carol Burnett Show. It's 'curtains' for her stylist.

Sacha Baron Cohen

Dressed as the alter-ego from his new film, The Dictator, Baron Cohen lived up to his unpredictability by bringing the supposed ashes of Kim Jung-il as his red carpet date. Spilling the ashes on E! host Ryan Secrest, he sunk to a new self-promoting low. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, without press, Baron Cohen's career will rust. METRO

Adam Sandler earns 11 Razzie nominations

Actor earns the dubious honour of rocking this year's worst movies

THE WORD

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While the world continues their celebration of the Oscars and the best and brightest in Hollywood, let's take a moment to look at the worst.

Specifically, poor, poor Adam Sandler, who is saddled with the sad honour of earning 11 Razzie nominations for his various work as an actor, a writer and a producer on three movies for 2011: Jack and Jill, Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star and Just Go With It.

Sandler received two worst actor nominations, one for Just Go With It and another for Jack and Jill. Oh, and he also received a worst actress nod for Jack and Jill — if anything, at least he's breaking gender barriers.

Luckily, he's not alone: his Jack and Jill co-stars, Katie Holmes and Al Pacino, each received a worst supporting actress and worst supporting actor nomination for their work in that film, respectively. (Way to bring down Pacino, Sandler.)

It's time for Sandler to pick up a copy of the 1998 edition of Stop with the Fart Jokes: Transform Your Career and Become an Oscar Winner in No Time by Tom Hanks. Soon, he'll be starring in Punch Drunk Love II: Still Drankin', where he and Emily Watson end up adopting a middle-aged deaf, mute, and blind train hobo who teaches them the true meaning of life.

Bad news bears:

Worst film nominees:

- Jack and Jill
- Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star (Sandler also co-wrote)
- New Year's Eve
- Transformers: Dark of the Moon
- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1

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▶ Adam Sandler and Katie Holmes at the premiere of the Razzie-nominated Jack and Jill last November in California.

Celebrity tweets

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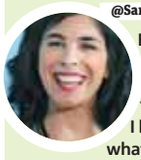

@SarahKSilverman: I just said "granola" too many times & now I have no idea what it means or how I ever knew it

@DanaJGould: I'm working with a human rights group that takes winos off of skid row and releases them back into the wine country.

This one's lips aren't Sealed

Seal is standing by his decision to speak publicly about his impending divorce from Heidi Klum.

"When you publicize your marriage as much as our marriage was publicized, when you renew wedding vows, when you do all those things ... you're giving people a picture of an ideal relationship that people aspire to," he says during an Australian radio interview.

"When it goes south, you can't all of a sudden take the philosophy of a monk and decide to go for a vow of silence. It doesn't really work like that. I respect my wife's decision not to talk about that, but I felt that people at least deserved some kind of explanation why the picture of the ideal wasn't what they thought it was." METRO

▶ Seal

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▶ Women may want to find out their baby's gender for both practical and psychological reasons.

Did you find out the sex?

It's a boy! It's a girl! It's a... surprise! Where some people stand on learning the truth early

Six months into her pregnancy, the fashionable Julia Restoin-Roitfeld does not know the sex of her baby — and she has no intention of finding out. Her mom, former Vogue Paris editor Carine Roitfeld, is mighty impressed: "[Julia] doesn't want to know. I'm very proud of her, because me, I would not be able to do that. But you know, in a way, today you can know everything about anything, and to refuse to know I think is quite chic."

So apparently not finding out the sex of your baby is "chic." Who knew?

Carine also has no intention of baking cookies or knitting booties any time soon. "I don't think it's my thing," she said with a laugh. Gotta love her for telling it like it is!

But back to the gender discussion. My friends are pretty split down the middle when it comes to finding out the sex of their baby. I personally was tempted to find out with both my kids but never did because I figured there are so few surprises left these days. But I know countless women who were dying to know if they were having a boy or a girl ASAP — both for practical reasons and for psychological ones, too.

One friend, for example, always planned to have two children. So after she gave birth to a boy and got pregnant with her second, she decided to find out the baby's gender during a 20-week ultrasound. "If it was a boy, I wanted to know," she tells me, "so that I wouldn't be disappointed."

Clearly, this is a woman who always wanted a little girl, though she was and still is beyond grateful for her two wonderful boys. "I just wanted to prepare myself, emotionally. I knew that this would be it and so if I was never going to have a daughter, I would rather find out in advance than right there on the table. It gave me time to come to terms with it all."

I've also noticed that many couples are divided on whether or not to find out the sex of their baby.

One pregnant woman I know, already mom to two boys, was so curious that she found out behind her husband's back — then feigned surprise when it was a girl (ha!).

Then there are those women who find out by accident because their doctor uses "he" or "she" to describe the baby in a way that's just way too obvious.

Sounds crazy, I know, but this has happened to many friends. And, let me say, they were less than pleased.

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Mogul mom

Former model Kathy Ireland, a mother and author of three children's books, has been named by Forbes as the wealthiest supermodel on the planet.

Forbes recognized the iconic model, 48, for raking in the most cash through her brands, beating out domestic diva Martha Stewart. According to the magazine, Ireland sold "an astounding $2 billion worth of licensed products at retail, making her a bigger licensor than the formidable Martha Stewart."

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Pull out all sandwich stops

Pulled chicken sliders are a great way to infuse a ton of flavour into a small package Instead of buns, they can also be served on flour tortillas

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Preparation:

1. In saucepan over medium-high, combine chicken, broth, jelly, marmalade, vinegar, cumin, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Bring to simmer, then cook, uncovered, 45 mins. Transfer chicken to cutting board. Continue cooking sauce for 10 mins. or until reduced and thickened.
2. Meanwhile, use 2 sets of to pull apart and shred chicken breasts. Once liquid has reduced, return chicken to saucepan and mix with sauce. Simmer until heated through, then remove pan from heat. Stir in sour cream.
3. In a bowl, mix coleslaw mix, mayonnaise and hot sauce to taste.
4. Serve chicken on buns topped with coleslaw.

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Ingredients:

- 1.15 kg (2 1/2 lb) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 L (4 cups) chicken broth
- 1 jar (396 g/14 oz) mango-pepper jelly
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) orange marmalade
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) cider vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) ground cumin
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sweet or smoked paprika
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) sour cream
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Scaling the heights of success

Paul Griffith is teaching others to go above and beyond for the less fortunate with his business Over the Edge

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For the past eight years, Paul Griffith has been pushing people out of their comfort zone and Over the Edge. And he couldn't be happier.

Griffith and his highly skilled team run events where people rappel down tall buildings and raise money for charity.

His Halifax-based business has become so popular they've expanded to the U.S., and have now set a goal to raise $50 million for non-profit organizations in the next 10 years.

"It makes it so much easier to go to work every day knowing you're making a difference. We're here to serve and do good things for others."

Growing up in P.E.I., Griffith was 10 when he asked his parents for new goalie pads.

They told him they would only pay for half so Paul went to a local farm, purchased strawberries for 25 cents a box, loaded up his wagon and sold them to the neighbourhood for one dollar.

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PAUL GRIFFITH

"After a week I had enough money for my goalie pads and I officially retired from my first business" he says with a laugh.

In the coming months, Griffith and his team will be travelling across Canada to stage at least 10 Over the Edge events, including one in Toronto in May.

They are challenging people to rappel down Toronto's City Hall building in aid of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We've asked the corporate world to step outside of their comfort zone and go over the edge. When you look at the barriers people face through sickness or disease it's an easy thing to do."

On reaching for the top

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Hitting the books can help you become an expert in your field, expedite that promotion or open the door to new endeavors. For those with the itch to learn we've got some pointers to start you out right.

Consider the up-front money

"Always remember that continued education is an investment," explains Steve Herzog, assistant dean at The American College in Bryn Mawr. "Carefully consider the amount of money you'll spend and the likelihood you can reap the financial rewards in a reasonable amount of time."

But before running the numbers, check in with the boss. If your company is able to provide tuition reimbursement, nothing's stopping you from moving forward.

Make sure the program is accredited

For many employers, an accredited school can make all the difference.

"Some employers simply don't recognize degrees from non-accredited schools, and credits from non-accredited courses are often non-transferable to other institutions," says Cheri Varnadoe, director of corporate relations at MBA@UNC, an online program from UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School.

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If you're employed full-time, online courses may help with time management.

"Online options can keep you productive at work while also giving you the education you need," says Dr. Sally Mounts, president of Auctus Consulting Group. That said, it's important to consider how you learn. Herzog recommends asking yourself: Do you do well in classroom settings, or does reading and listening to pre-recorded lectures best suit you?"

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THROWING THE BUSINESS MODEL AWAY FOR GOOD

BOOK REVIEW

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Screw Business As Usual By Richard Branson, Virgin Books, $26.95, 357 pages

With a title like Screw Business As Usual coming from the likes of Sir Richard Branson, emperor of the Virgin Group, you come to expect that, though off the cuff, there is likely some sound advice on the way.

Branson's key message is clear: "doing good is good for business." Eschewing old school capitalism, Branson outlines his vision of what modern capitalism should look like. He calls it Capitalism 24902, a model that looks beyond profits, but looks at how businesses should shape themselves to benefit the globe.

"Its not OK that nearly half the world's population lives on less than $2 a day" says Branson.

In Branson's opinion, change needs to come from the ordinary person. "I'm talking about the power of the ordinary everyday person to become entrepreneurs and change makers." He alludes to the shift in communications access and transparency, in a day and age where anyone can share their opinion publicly and be heard.

One of the most touching examples Branson gives (and I'll admit that as a South African, I'm biased) takes place in South Africa. In his book he talks about Virgin Unite, the Charity arm to the Virgin Group, and how they established the Branson Centre for Entrepreneurship in Johannesburg, a project Branson reflects as being "one of the most satisfying projects he's ever been involved in".

I don't use the 'L word' too often, but I have to in this case. Branson's energy and passion is dripping from this book. I loved every word, and feel inspired to take on his call for change.

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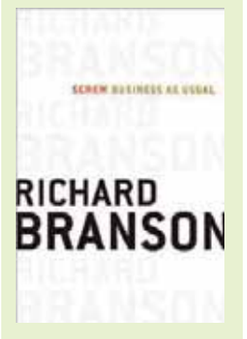

The hurt from bullying lasts, survey shows

Most agree adults need to act more when dealing with bullies • Mentoring seen as way to help bully and victim

A new survey finds that half of Canadian adults polled say they were bullied as a child or teenager.

The Harris-Decima survey conducted for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada found 85 per cent of respondents believe that providing youngsters who bully others with a volunteer mentor is an effective way to reduce bullying.

The phone survey of more than 1,000 Canadians also explored the value of mentoring as a means to prevent abusive behaviours and assist those who are bullied to rebuild their confidence and self-esteem.

Among those who were bullied, 62 per cent believe they would have benefited from having a volunteer adult mentor to help them cope. And 87 per cent of adults polled agree that action to reduce bullying strengthens communities over time.

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▶ In a recent poll, 62 per cent of respondents said an adult mentor could have helped them to cope with bullying.

The poll also found 89 per cent of respondents believe bullying poses a serious threat to the long-term well-being of children and teens, and they'd know.

Nearly a third of those polled say they think the abuse they suffered had a lasting harmful effect.

The survey had a sample of 1,034 adults and was conducted between Jan. 5-9. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

The survey findings unveiled last Wednesday coincide with the release of a report on the mental health of Canadian teens commissioned by the Public Health Agency of Canada, which also delved into the subject of bullying.

50 per cent of adults polled say they were bullied as a child or teenager. Nearly a third say the abuse resulted in lasting harm.

89 per cent believe bullying poses a serious threat to the long-term wellbeing of children and teens.

The study of 26,000 Canadians aged 11 to 15 found that higher proportions of young people reported being victims of violence in the form of bullying — 22 per cent in 2010 compared to 20 per cent in a 2002 survey.

However, the Queen's University-led report also said the prevalence of young people who report they bully others appears to have declined — from 15 per cent in 2002 to 12 per cent in 2010.

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Sports in brief

The Whitecaps earned their second win in as many games on Sunday as Sebastien Le Toux's goal on a penalty lifted the second-year club to a 1-0 victory over the Houston Dynamo at the Disney Pro Soccer Classic in Orlando, Fla.

The Whitecaps, who beat the Montreal Impact 3-0 in the tournament opener on Friday, clinched first place in their group and will play in the final March 3 against the winner of the second group of the eight-team tournament.

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Tough. Loss

▶ Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo lifts himself off the ice as the Stars celebrate Loui Eriksson's overtime winner in Dallas on Sunday.

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Stars rally late to hand Canucks loss in Lone Star State

Loui Eriksson's goal at 3:52 of overtime sent the Dallas Stars to their fourth consecutive victory, 3-2 over the Vancouver Canucks on Sunday. Steve Ott carried the puck deep in the Vancouver end and passed to Trevor Daley at the left circle. Eriksson skated to the net and fired Daley's goal-mouth pass by Roberto Luongo. Mike Ribeiro scored the tying goal for Dallas with 52.5 seconds left in regulation. Michael Ryder also netted a power-play goal for the Stars, who hadn't won four in a row since Oct. 29 to Nov. 8. Ryan Kesler and Mason Raymond scored for the Canucks.

Depth needed for deep cup run

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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It's good times in Canucks Land, eh? Entering the weekend in top spot in the NHL; coming off an emotional win over the Red Wings, their main competition in the West, to snap Detroit's record-setting home winning streak at 24; dispatching the red-hot Devils (no-pun intended), winners of nine of 11 coming in. And this wave has been building for a while. Vancouver had points in all but one of their past 16 outings and had held opponents to two goals or less 10 times in that stretch, never giving up more than three (a 2.19 goals-against average overall).

But, as was written in this space last week, it's no time to be content if you're general manager Mike Gillis. This team is good, real good, but deadline day is the time to put wax on the Corvette (especially in light of news Keith Ballard is done for the year, cutting into defensive depth but freeing up $4 million in cap space). The right additions will put the Canucks in prime position to finish off what they fell a single win short of accomplishing last season: Winning the organization's first Stanley Cup championship.

Tough to top '96

Any move Vancouver makes this year won't approach the value it got out of the swap it pulled on deadline day in 1996.

▶ On that day, March 20, it dealt Alek Stojanov and his one assist in 62 Canucks games for ... Markus Naslund, who still holds the franchise records for goals (346) and points (756).

Here are four players, all of whom are scheduled to become unrestricted free agents this summer, who would help the cause:

Travis Moen, Montreal, LW/RW:

He doesn't have a lot of pop to his game, but Moen has plenty of playoff experience, including a ring from 2007 with the Ducks. The 29-year-old, currently out with an upper-body injury, is versatile and gritty and would be a big upgrade to the bottom six.

Mark Eaton, Islanders, D:

The 34-year-old Eaton, another player with a good chunk of post-season experience and a cup ring (Pittsburgh, 2009), blocks shots and would slide directly onto the third pairing.

Jaroslav Spacek, Carolina, D:

Long in the tooth at 38, any move would be his second of the year as Montreal dealt him early on for Tomas Kaberle. Like Eaton, he'd be an upgrade at No. 5 or 6, but he also has the skill to move up the depth chart and fill in on special teams in a pinch.

Mike Knuble, Washington, RW/LW:

The Caps have said they won't deal the 39-year-old, but he's been a healthy scratch several times of late. Despite his age, the durable Knuble doesn't shy from the dirty areas, which becomes all the more important in the playoffs.

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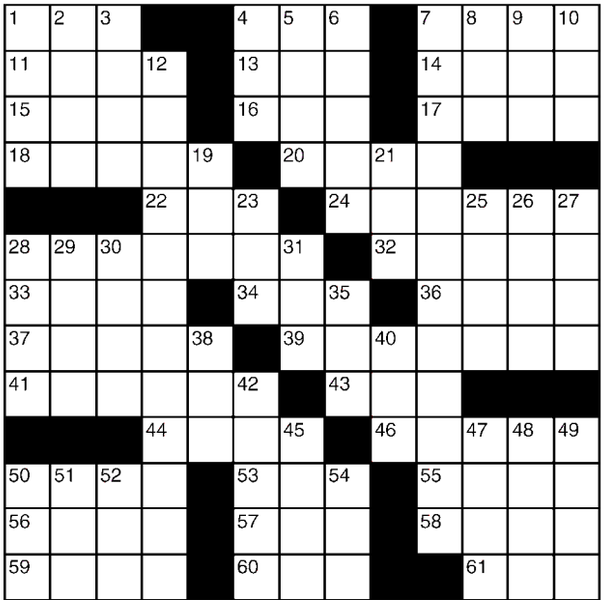

Across

1 Vim and vigor
4 Had breakfast
7 Acceptable
11 Rowing props
13 Bagel topper
14 Pleasant
15 Seniors' big event
16 Mischievous tyke
17 Paradise
18 Provide with funds
20 Seethe
22 Barbie's cohort
24 Ruins the shoe polish
28 Custodian
32 Grin
33 Portent
34 "Holy mackerel!"
36 Surveyor's map
37 Suit material that draws lint
39 Rocket launcher
41 Stuck up
43 "Le Coq —"
44 Picnic spoiler
46 Playful water critter
50 Primary
53 — and caboodle
55 Dry riverbed
56 As well
57 Compass pt.
58 Japanese sashes
59 Rhett Butler's closing word
60 Caribbean or Mediterranean
61 Witness

Down

1 Vatican VIP
2 Deserve
3 Poke
4 Boxer Muhammad
5 "Who's buried in Grant's —?"
6 Erstwhile Montreal baseball team
7 54-Down server's query
8 Tease
9 High card
10 Longing
12 Headwaiter's obsolescent query
19 Drenched
21 Suffix with robot
23 Present
25 Flaky pastry dough (Var.)
26 Anti-aircraft artillery
27 Bristle
28 R&B singer Stone
29 Prayer ending
30 Infamous fiddler
31 Steal from
35 Bankroll
38 Greek vowel
40 Menagerie
42 "OMG!"
45 Day shift start
47 Keep — on (watch)
48 Actress Falco
49 Get up
50 Angry
51 — carte
52 Doctrine
54 See 7-Down

▶ Friday's answer

P	A	C	T	S	■	B	I	T	■	A	R	C
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Sudoku

	7	2				1		
			3	9				7
5					2			6
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	5			8			6	
	3		1		6	7		
4			9					3
8				7	5			
		1				6	5	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

3	5	6	9	7	4	8	2	1
7	2	9	6	8	1	3	5	4
1	8	4	3	5	2	7	9	6
9	3	2	4	6	5	1	8	7
4	7	5	1	9	8	6	3	2
6	1	8	7	2	3	9	4	5
2	4	7	8	3	6	5	1	9
5	6	3	2	1	9	4	7	8
8	9	1	5	4	7	2	6	3

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SATURDAY

sandra,
to the woman i hold so dear that i wait to be near
CRASH

Matt,
I smiled at you yesterday, and I hope you noticed it. Sorry I didn't get to wave back at you. I was hoping you were going to talk to me on my break. Well I'll see you next week.
R

my pet
well, that is good,I waiting for you? No surprising! admit i'm scared to talk first...Why not!
ME

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, visit metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Put small issues out of your mind and focus only on the things that matter.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Don't worry if you've been finding it hard to get along with someone because as from tomorrow your minds will be on the same wavelength again.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
If there is something you need done, something that is so important it really can't wait, you're going to have to do it yourself.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you let others set the rules of the game they will inevitably fix them so they win and you lose.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Think long and hard before ending an association that may not be easy to revive again in the future.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
Loved ones are extremely demanding at the moment and if you get through the day without raising your voice you will have done well.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Take it easy now because the next few days could be busier than you anticipated, especially on the work front.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
According to the planets someone is being less than honest with you about what they are planning.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Why are you worrying about something over which you have no control? There's no logic to it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Take a break from your busy schedule and give some thought to the direction your life seems to be heading.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
You are attaching too much importance to other people's opinions.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
If someone is wasting your time then you must allow yourself to get angry.

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